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## **News Release**

For Immediate Release  
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### **ORLAND VFD RECEIVES USDA SUPPORT**

Orland (#03-20; 3-6-2003): USDA Rural Development announced today that the Orland Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) has been awarded a \$23,250 Community Facility grant. This grant is to support the purchase of a new rescue truck that will strengthen emergency preparedness in Orland and the surrounding area.

At a gathering at the Orland Fire Station today to celebrate the funding of the new truck and the resulting increased emergency response capabilities, Gregg Delp, USDA Rural Development Community Programs Director, presented a check for \$23,250 to Kim Norton, Orland VFD Rescue Captain. Orland VFD contributed \$75,000 in local funding to go along with a \$56,750 grant from the Indiana Department of Commerce in order to make this important purchase possible.

The Orland VFD provides emergency service to the Town of Orland and to four townships in Steuben County and Lagrange County. Orland VFD also responds to emergencies on the Toll Road.

Delp said, "USDA appreciates the dangerous job done by those who respond to emergencies in our communities and we hope that this truck will make their job safer and the citizens of Orland and the surrounding area more secure. Congratulations to the Orland VFD for making this investment in safety."

Since 1994, USDA Rural Development has invested over \$60 million in Steuben County which is the highest amount of funding in any county in our state. USDA funding has included nearly \$9 million in single family housing mortgage assistance, nearly \$1 million for rental housing development and maintenance, \$9 million for the development of community facilities, \$38 million for improvements to the county's water and wastewater infrastructure, and \$5 million in assistance to rural businesses.

Single family home loans, rural rental housing, water and waste water disposal system funding, business and industry loans, and community facility loans and grants are financial resources available from USDA Rural Development. Questions concerning USDA Rural Development services in this area can be directed to USDA Rural Development, 104 East Park Drive, Albion, IN 46701-1437; phone 260-636-7682, extension 4.